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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Jose – Immigration Consultant Suspected of Fraud

(U) The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office announced that 36-year-old Jasmine E. Sanchez from San Jose was arrested on suspicion of crimes that include grand theft, theft by false pretenses and violations of the Immigration Consultant Act. After launching an investigation, Notario Fraud Unit detectives learned that a couple had paid Sanchez approximately \$5,000 to complete a citizenship and visa application, but over the course of four years the application was not submitted to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

SOURCE: 16 November 2021, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Arrest Fugitive Wanted for Trafficking Children

(U) El Paso – US Customs and Border Protection Officers working at the Presidio port of entry arrested a 45-year-old US citizen female who had an arrest warrant for trafficking children. CBP officers performing their duties encountered a vehicle arriving from Mexico with four passengers. While conducting primary inspections on the vehicle and its occupants, a CBP officer identified the driver as having an outstanding warrant. CBP officers took the woman into custody and confirmed the warrant out of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. The Presidio Police Department took custody of the suspect.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Man Arrested Who Claimed to Have 'IED' in a Van Near FBI Office

(U) Manhattan – A retired Army sergeant walked into the federal building that houses New York's FBI headquarters in Lower Manhattan and claimed to have an "IED" in a van parked nearby, officials said. Gerardo Checo Nunez, 33, told workers inside 26 Federal Plaza that he had the improvised explosive device in a white van parked outside a Starbucks on Worth Street close to the federal building. The NYPD's Bomb Squad responded and found that there was no device, according to police.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [New York Post](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – FBI, CDC Investigating Vials Labeled 'Smallpox' Found at Vaccine Research Facility

(U) Philadelphia – Several vials labeled as "smallpox" were discovered at a Merck & Co. vaccine research facility, prompting the FBI and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to open investigations, according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). According to alert sent by DHS, there were a total of 15 "questionable vials," five of which were labeled as "smallpox" while the other 10 were labeled as "vaccinia." The vials were immediately secured upon discovery, and a lockdown of the facility has since been lifted.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [USA Today](#)

(U) Washington – Iranian Government-Sponsored Hackers Targeting Key US Infrastructure

(U) District of Columbia – Iranian government-sponsored hackers are actively targeting a "broad range of victims" across multiple US sectors, including transportation and health care, and in some cases are deploying ransomware against those victims, US federal agencies and their counterparts from the United Kingdom and Australia warned. The Iranian hackers are exploiting known flaws in software made by Microsoft and California-based vendor Fortinet to access systems and at times lock them up with ransomware, according to the advisory from the FBI, US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Australian Cyber Security Centre and the UK's National Cyber Security Centre.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Indonesia – Senior Cleric Arrested for Ties to Jemaah Islamiah

(U) Jakarta – Indonesia's counter-terrorism police have arrested a member of a top Islamic council on charges of raising funds for the al-Qa'ida-linked Jemaah Islamiah (JI) group blamed for deadly bombings, police said. The raid was carried out near Jakarta during which Ahmad Zain An-Najah, a member of the Indonesian Ulema Council, was arrested along with two associates, national police spokesperson Rusdi Hartono said. Ahmad set up a charity organization to get funding "for education, social activities...some of the funds are used to mobilize JI," Rusdi stated.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Israel – Attacker Shot Dead After Stabbing Israeli Police Officers

(U) Jerusalem – A Palestinian teen yesterday allegedly stabbed two Israeli border police officers in Jerusalem's Old City before being fatally shot, Israeli officials said. The Israeli police officers were hospitalized, one in moderate condition and another with minor injuries, police said. Private security and police officers shot the Palestinian teen, whose identity was not immediately clear, and paramedics with the United Hatzalah rescue service pronounced him dead.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [US News](#)

(U) Mexico – Troops will Deploy to Riviera Maya in Wake of Shootings

(U) Mexico City – Mexico will deploy a battalion of National Guard troops to its Mayan Riviera in the wake of a spate of shootings. Defense Secretary Luis Cresencio Sandoval said that 1,445 guard members will be sent to Quintana Roo state's Caribbean coast to reinforce the region's security. The deployment will include the establishment of a base in the beach town of Tulum, where two foreign tourists were killed and three wounded on 20 October in the crossfire between drug dealers. He said the Navy would contribute an additional 100 elements to the effort and increase intelligence gathering efforts in the area. The additional security will begin operations by 1 December, Sandoval said.

SOURCE: 17 November 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Say Liverpool Attacker Spent Six Months Acquiring Bomb Materials

(U) London – The suspect who was killed in a Liverpool taxi explosion spent at least six months buying components for a bomb and appears to have acted alone, British police said. Emad Al Swealmeen, 32, died when a blast ripped through the cab in which he was a passenger as it pulled up outside Liverpool Women's Hospital. Russ Jackson, the head of counterterrorism policing for northwest England, said Al Swealmeen had rented a property in the city in April and been making "relevant purchases" for a device at least since then. Jackson said investigators so far had not found any other people "of concern."

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